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960GM-VS3 FX

User Manual

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1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock ***960GM-VGS3 FX / 960GM-VS3 FX*** motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contain introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contain the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.

Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com

If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using.

www.asrock.com/support/index.asp

1.1 Package Contents

ASRock ***960GM-VGS3 FX / 960GM-VS3 FX*** Motherboard (Micro ATX Form Factor)

ASRock ***960GM-VGS3 FX / 960GM-VS3 FX*** Quick Installation Guide

ASRock ***960GM-VGS3 FX / 960GM-VS3 FX*** Support CD

2 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)

1 x I/O Panel Shield

ASRock Reminds You...

To get better performance in Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit, it is recommended to set the BIOS option in Storage Configuration to AHCI mode.

1.2 Specifications

Platform	- Micro ATX Form Factor - Solid Capacitor for CPU power
CPU	- Support for Socket AM3+ processors - Support for Socket AM3 processors: AMD Phenom™ II X6 / X4 / X3 / X2 (except 920 / 940) / Athlon II X4 / X3 / X2 / Sempron processors - Supports 8-Core CPU - Supports AMD OverDrive™ with ACC feature (Advanced Clock Calibration) - AMD LIVE!™ Ready - Supports AMD's Cool 'n' Quiet™ Technology - FSB 2600 MHz (5.2 GT/s) - Supports Untied Overclocking Technology - Supports Hyper-Transport 3.0 (HT 3.0) Technology
Chipset	- Northbridge: AMD 760G - Southbridge: AMD SB710
Memory	- Dual Channel DDR3 Memory Technology - 2 x DDR3 DIMM slots - Support DDR3 1866(OC)/1600(OC)/1333/1066 non-ECC, un-buffered memory (see **CAUTION 1**) - Max. capacity of system memory: 16GB (see **CAUTION 2**)
Expansion Slot	- 1 x PCI Express 2.0 x16 slot (PCIE1 @ x16 mode) - 1 x PCI slot
Graphics	- Integrated AMD Radeon 3000 graphics - DX10 class iGPU, Pixel Shader 4.0 - Max. shared memory 512MB - Supports D-Sub with max. resolution up to 2048x1536 @ 60Hz
Audio	- 5.1 CH HD Audio (Realtek ALC662 Audio Codec)
LAN	- 960GM-VGS3 FX Atheros® PCIE x1 Gigabit LAN AR8151, speed 10/100/1000 Mb/s - 960GM-VS3 FX Atheros® PCIE x1 LAN AR8152, speed 10/100 Mb/s - Supports Wake-On-LAN - Supports PXE
Rear Panel I/O	I/O Panel - 1 x PS/2 Mouse Port - 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port

	- 1 x VGA Port - 4 x Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports - 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED) - HD Audio Jack: Line in / Front Speaker / Microphone
Connector	- 4 x SATA2 3.0 Gb/s connectors, support RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10 and JBOD), NCQ, AHCI and “Hot Plug” functions - 1 x Chassis Intrusion header - 1 x CPU Fan connector (4-pin) - 1 x Chassis Fan connector (4-pin) - 24 pin ATX power connector - 4 pin 12V power connector - Front panel audio connector - 2 x USB 2.0 headers (support 4 USB 2.0 ports)
BIOS Feature	- 8Mb AMI Legal BIOS - Supports “Plug and Play” - ACPI 1.1 Compliance Wake Up Events - Supports jumperfree - SMBIOS 2.3.1 Support - CPU, VCCM, NB Voltage Multi-adjustment
Support CD	- Drivers, Utilities, AntiVirus Software (Trial Version), CyberLink MediaEspresso 6.5 Trial, Google Chrome Browser and Toolbar
Hardware Monitor	- CPU Temperature Sensing - Chassis Temperature Sensing - CPU Fan Tachometer - Chassis Fan Tachometer - CPU Quiet Fan - CPU Fan Multi-Speed Control - CASE OPEN detection - Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, Vcore
OS	- Microsoft® Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP Media Center / XP 64-bit compliant
Certifications	- FCC, CE, WHQL - ErP/EuP Ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required)

* For detailed product information, please visit our website: http://www.asrock.com

WARNING

Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system's stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

CAUTION!

1. Whether 1866/1600MHz memory speed is supported depends on the AM3/AM3+ CPU you adopt. If you want to adopt DDR3 1866/1600 memory module on this motherboard, please refer to the memory support list on our website for the compatible memory modules.
   ASRock website: http://www.asrock.com
2. Due to the operating system limitation, the actual memory size may be less than 4GB for the reservation for system usage under Windows® 8 / 7 / Vista™ / XP. For Windows® 64-bit OS with 64-bit CPU, there is no such limitation.

1.3 Unique Features

ASRock OC Tuner

ASRock OC Tuner is a user-friendly overclocking tool which allows you to surveil your system by hardware monitor function and overclock your hardware devices to get the best system performance under Windows® environment. Please visit our website for the operation procedures of ASRock OC Tuner.

ASRock Intelligent Energy Saver

Featuring an advanced proprietary hardware and software design, Intelligent Energy Saver is a revolutionary technology that delivers unparalleled power savings. The voltage regulator can reduce the number of output phases to improve efficiency when the CPU cores are idle. In other words, it is able to provide exceptional power saving and improve power efficiency without sacrificing computing performance. To use Intelligent Energy Saver function, please enable Cool 'n' Quiet option in the BIOS setup in advance. Please visit our website for the operation procedures of Intelligent Energy Saver.

ASRock Instant Boot

ASRock Instant Boot allows you to turn on your PC in just a few seconds, provides a much more efficient way to save energy, time, money, and improves system running speed for your system. It leverages the S3 and S4 ACPI features which normally enable the Sleep/Standby and Hibernation modes in Windows® to shorten boot up time. By calling S3 and S4 at specific timing during the shutdown and startup process, Instant Boot allows you to enter your Windows® desktop in a few seconds.

ASRock Instant Flash

ASRock Instant Flash is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient BIOS update tool allows you to update system BIOS without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. With this utility, you can press the <F6> key during the POST or the <F2> key to enter into the BIOS setup menu to access ASRock Instant Flash. Just launch this tool and save the new BIOS file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive, then you can update your BIOS only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other

complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.

ASRock OC DNA

The software name itself – OC DNA literally tells you what it is capable of. OC DNA, an exclusive utility developed by ASRock, provides a convenient way for the user to record the OC settings and share with others. It helps you to save your overclocking record under the operating system and simplifies the complicated recording process of overclocking settings. With OC DNA, you can save your OC settings as a profile and share with your friends! Your friends then can load the OC profile to their own system to get the same OC settings as yours! Please be noticed that the OC profile can only be shared and worked on the same motherboard.

ASRock APP Charger

If you desire a faster, less restricted way of charging your Apple devices, such as iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch, ASRock has prepared a wonderful solution for you - ASRock APP Charger. Simply install the APP Charger driver, it makes your iPhone charge much quickly from your computer and up to 40% faster than before. ASRock APP Charger allows you to quickly charge many Apple devices simultaneously and even supports continuous charging when your PC enters into Standby mode (S1), Suspend to RAM (S3), hibernation mode (S4) or power off (S5). With APP Charger driver installed, you can easily enjoy the marvelous charging experience.

ASRock XFast USB

ASRock XFast USB can boost USB storage device performance. The performance may depend on the properties of the device.

ASRock XFast LAN

ASRock XFast LAN provides a faster internet access, which includes the benefits listed below. LAN Application Prioritization: You can configure your application's priority ideally and/or add new programs. Lower Latency in Game: After setting online game's priority higher, it can lower the latency in games. Traffic Shaping: You can watch Youtube HD videos and download

simultaneously. Real-Time Analysis of Your Data: With the status window, you can easily recognize which data streams you are transferring currently.

ASRock XFast RAM

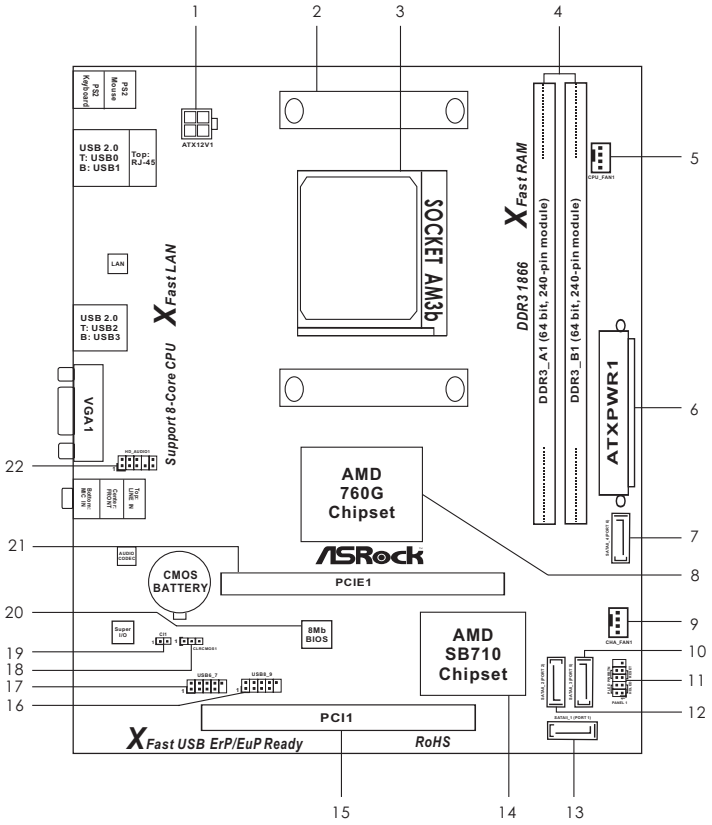
ASRock XFast RAM fully utilizes the memory space that cannot be used under Windows® OS 32-bit CPU. ASRock XFast RAM shortens the loading time of previously visited websites, making web surfing faster than ever. And it also boosts the speed of Adobe Photoshop 5 times faster. Another advantage of ASRock XFast RAM is that it reduces the frequency of accessing your SSDs or HDDs in order to extend their lifespan.

ASRock X-Boost

ASRock's X-Boost Technology is a smart auto-overclocking function and is brilliantly designed to unlock the hidden power of your CPUs. Simply press "X" when turning on the PC, X-Boost will automatically overclock the relative components to get up to 15.77% performance boost! With the smart X-Boost, overclocking CPU can become a near one-button process.

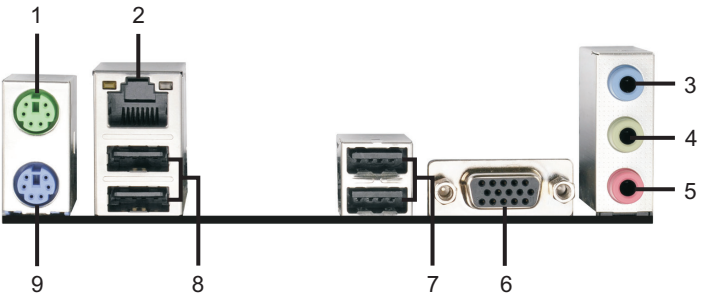
* The functionality of "Unlock CPU Cores" feature might vary by different processors.

1.4 Motherboard Layout (960GM-VGS3 FX / 960GM-VS3 FX)



1	ATX 12V Power Connector (ATX12V1)	12	SATA2 Connector (SATAII_2 (PORT 2))
2	CPU Heatsink Retention Module	13	SATA2 Connector (SATAII_1 (PORT 1))
3	AM3+ CPU Socket	14	Southbridge Controller
4	2 x 240-pin DDR3 DIMM Slots (Dual Channel: DDR3_A1, DDR3_B1)	15	PCI Slot (PCI1)
5	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)	16	USB 2.0 Header (USB8_9)
6	ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)	17	USB 2.0 Header (USB6_7)
7	SATA2 Connector (SATAII_4 (PORT 6))	18	Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
8	Northbridge Controller	19	Chassis Intrusion Header (CI1)
9	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)	20	SPI Flash Memory (8Mb)
10	SATA2 Connector (SATAII_3 (PORT 5))	21	PCI Express 2.0 x16 Slot (PCIE1)
11	System Panel Header (PANEL1)	22	Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1)

1.5 I/O Panel (960GM-VGS3 FX)



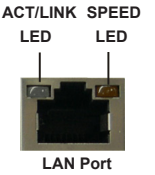
1	PS/2 Mouse Port (Green)	6	VGA Port (VGA1)
* 2	LAN RJ-45 Port	7	USB 2.0 Port (USB23)
3	Line In (Light Blue)	8	USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)
** 4	Front Speaker (Lime)	9	PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)
5	Microphone (Pink)		

* There are two LED next to the LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

LAN Port LED Indications

Activity/Link LED	
Status	Description
Off	No Link
Blinking	Data Activity
On	Link

SPEED LED	
Status	Description
Off	10Mbps connection
Orange	100Mbps connection
Green	1Gbps connection



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For Windows® XP:

After restarting your computer, you will find “Mixer” tool on your system. Please select “Mixer ToolBox” , click “Enable playback multi-streaming”, and click “ok”. Choose “2CH” or “4CH” and then you are allowed to select “Realtek HDA Primary output” to use Rear Speaker and Front Speaker, or select “Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output” to use front panel audio. Then reboot your system.

For Windows® 8 / 7 / Vista™:

After restarting your computer, please double-click “Realtek HD Audio Manager” on the system tray. Set “Speaker Configuration” to “Quadraphonic” or “Stereo”. Click “Device advanced settings”, choose “Make front and rear output devices playbacks two different audio streams simultaneously”, and click “ok”. Then reboot your system.

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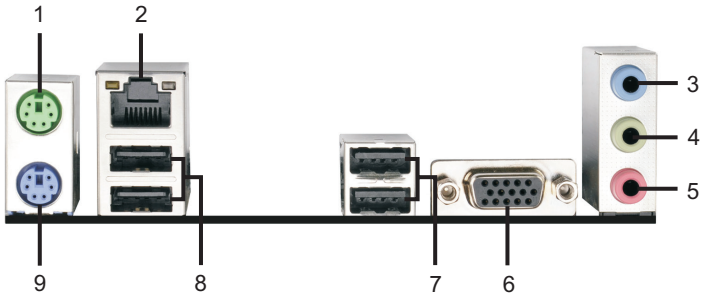

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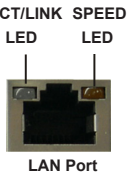

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2. Installation

This is a Micro ATX form factor motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

Pre-installation Precautions

Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that comes with the component.
5. When placing screws into the screw holes to secure the motherboard to the chassis, please do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.1 CPU Installation

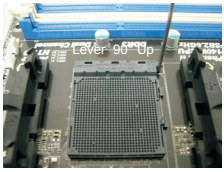
Step 1. Unlock the socket by lifting the lever up to a 90° angle.

Step 2. Position the CPU directly above the socket such that the CPU corner with the golden triangle matches the socket corner with a small triangle.

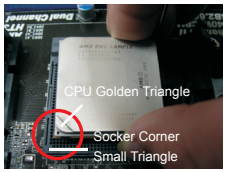
Step 3. Carefully insert the CPU into the socket until it fits in place.

The CPU fits only in one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to avoid bending of the pins.

Step 4. When the CPU is in place, press it firmly on the socket while you push down the socket lever to secure the CPU. The lever clicks on the side tab to indicate that it is locked.



STEP 1:
Lift Up The Socket Lever



STEP 2 / STEP 3:
Match The CPU Golden Triangle To The Socket Corner Small Triangle

STEP 4:
Push Down And Lock The Socket Lever

2.2 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

After you install the CPU into this motherboard, it is necessary to install a larger heatsink and cooling fan to dissipate heat. You also need to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation. Make sure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other. Then connect the CPU fan to the CPU FAN connector (CPU_FAN1, see Page 12, No. 5). For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of the CPU fan and the heatsink.

2.3 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides two 240-pin DDR3 (Double Data Rate 3) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install two identical (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) memory modules in the DDR3 DIMM slots to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology. Otherwise, it will operate at single channel mode.

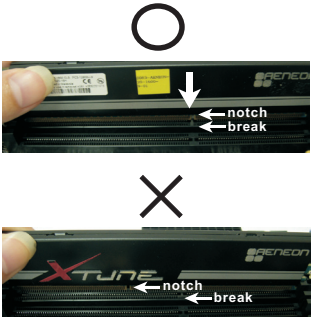
1. It is not allowed to install a DDR or DDR2 memory module into DDR3 slot;otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.
2. If you install only one memory module or two non-identical memory modules, it is unable to activate the Dual Channel Memory Technology.

Installing a DIMM

Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or the system components.

Step 1. Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.

Step 2. Align a DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.



The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

Step 3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips at both ends fully snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

2.4 Expansion Slots (PCI and PCI Express Slots)

There is 1 PCI slot and 1 PCI Express slot on this motherboard.

PCI Slot: PCI slot is used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

PCIE Slot: PCIE1 (PCIE x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x16 lane width graphics cards.

Installing an expansion card

Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.

Step 2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).

Step 3. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.

Step 4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.

Step 5. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.

Step 6. Replace the system cover.

2.5 Multi Monitor Feature

This motherboard supports multi monitor feature. With the internal VGA output support and the external add-on PCI Express VGA card, you can easily enjoy the benefits of multi monitor feature.

Please refer to the following steps to set up a surround display environment:

1. Install the PCI Express VGA cards on PCIE1 slot. Please refer to page 18 for proper expansion card installation procedures for details.
2. Connect D-Sub monitor cable to VGA port on the I/O panel. And connect other monitor cables to the corresponding connectors of the add-on PCI Express VGA cards on PCIE1 slot.

VGA port

3. Boot your system. Press <F2> or <Del> to enter BIOS setup. Enter “Share Memory” option to adjust the memory capability to [32MB], [64MB], [128MB] [256MB] or [512MB] to enable the function of VGA. Please make sure that the value you select is less than the total capability of the system memory. If you do not adjust the BIOS setup, the default value of “Share Memory”, [Auto], will disable VGA function when the add-on VGA card is inserted to this motherboard.
4. Install the onboard VGA driver and the add-on PCI Express VGA card driver to your system. If you have installed the drivers already, there is no need to install them again.
5. Set up a multi-monitor display.

For Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS:

Right click the desktop, choose “Properties”, and select the “Settings” tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitor according to the steps below.

A. Click the “Identify” button to display a large number on each monitor.

B. Right-click the display icon in the Display Properties dialog that you wish to be your primary monitor, and then select “Primary”. When you use multiple monitors with your card, one monitor will always be Primary, and all additional monitors will be designated as Secondary.

C. Select the display icon identified by the number 2.

D. Click “Extend my Windows desktop onto this monitor”.

E. Right-click the display icon and select “Attached”, if necessary.

F. Set the “Screen Resolution” and “Color Quality” as appropriate for the second monitor. Click “Apply” or “OK” to apply these new values.

G. Repeat steps C through E for the diaplay icon identified by the number one, two and three.

For Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:

Right click the desktop, choose “Personalize”, and select the “Display Settings” tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitor according to the steps below.

A. Click the number ”2” icon.

B. Click the items “This is my main monitor” and “Extend the desktop onto this monitor”.

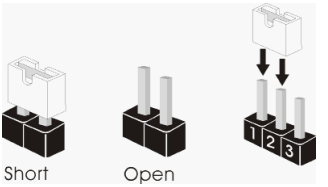
C. Click “OK” to save your change.

D. Repeat steps A through C for the display icon identified by the number three.

6. Use multi monitor feature. Click and drag the display icons to positions representing the physical setup of your monitors that you would like to use. The placement of display icons determines how you move items from one monitor to another.

2.6 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Open”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Jumper	Setting	Description
Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1) (see p.12, No. 18)	1_2 Default; 2_3 Clear CMOS	

Note: CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action. Please be noted that the password, date, time, user default profile, 1394 GUID and MAC address will be cleared only if the CMOS battery is removed.

If you clear the CMOS, the case open may be detected. Please adjust the BIOS option “Clear Status” to clear the record of previous chassis intrusion status.

2.7 Onboard Headers and Connectors

Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

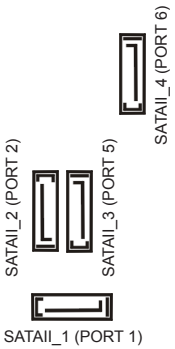
Serial ATA2 Connectors

(SATAII_1 (PORT 1): see p.12, No. 13)

(SATAII_2 (PORT 2): see p.12, No. 12)

(SATAII_3 (PORT 5): see p.12, No. 10)

(SATAII_4 (PORT 6): see p.12, No. 7)



These four Serial ATA2 (SATA2) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA2 interface allows up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable

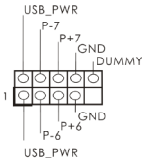
(Optional)

Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA2 hard disk or the SATA2 connector on this motherboard.

USB 2.0 Headers

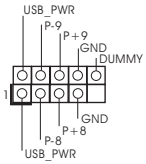
(9-pin USB6_7)

(see p.12 No. 17)



(9-pin USB8_9)

(see p.12 No. 16)

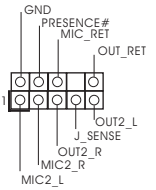


Besides four default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are two USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD_AUDIO1)

(see p.12 No. 22)



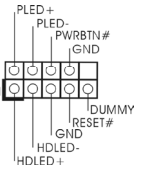
This is an interface for the front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instruction in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header as below:
   A. Connect Mic_IN (MIC) to MIC2_L.
   B. Connect Audio_R (RIN) to OUT2_R and Audio_L (LIN) to OUT2_L.
   C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
   D. MIC_RET and OUT_RET are for HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for AC'97 audio panel.
   E. To activate the front mic.
      For Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS:
      Select "Mixer". Select "Recorder". Then click "FrontMic".
      For Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:
      Go to the "FrontMic" Tab in the Realtek Control panel. Adjust "Recording Volume".

System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.12 No. 11)



This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

Connect the power switch, reset switch and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.

PWRBTN (Power Switch):
Connect to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch.
RESET (Reset Switch):
Connect to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.
PLED (System Power LED):
Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The

LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the sys-tem is in S1 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):

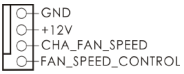
Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assign-ments are matched correctly.

Chassis Fan Connector

(4-pin CHA_FAN1)

(see p.12 No. 9)

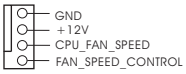


Please connect the fan cable to the fan connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

CPU Fan Connector

(4-pin CPU_FAN1)

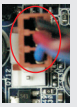
(see p.12 No. 5)



Please connect the CPU fan cable to the connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

Though this motherboard provides 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) support, the 3-Pin CPU fan still can work successfully even without the fan speed control function. If you plan to connect the 3-Pin CPU fan to the CPU fan connector on this motherboard, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

Pin 1-3 Connected

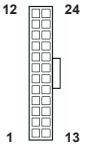


3-Pin Fan Installation

ATX Power Connector

(24-pin ATXPWR1)

(see p.12 No. 6)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.

Though this motherboard provides 24-pin ATX power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 20-pin ATX power supply. To use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 13.

20-Pin ATX Power Supply Installation

ATX 12V Power Connector

(4-pin ATX12V1)

(see p.12 No. 1)

Please connect an ATX 12V power supply to this connector.

Chassis Intrusion Header

(2-pin CI1)

(see p.12 No. 19)

This motherboard supports CASE OPEN detection feature that detects if the chassis cover has been removed. This feature requires a chassis with chassis intrusion detection design.

2.8 Serial ATA2 (SATA2) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts AMD SB710 chipset that supports Serial ATA2 (SATA2) hard disks and RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10 and JBOD) functions. You may install SATA2 hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA2 hard disks.

STEP 1: Install the SATA2 hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.
STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA2 hard disk.
STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATA2 connector.
STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA2 hard disk.

2.9 Hot Plug and Hot Swap Functions for Serial ATA2 (SATA2) HDDs

This motherboard supports Hot Plug and Hot Swap functions for SATA2 in RAID / AHCI mode. AMD SB710 chipset provides hardware support for Advanced Host controller Interface (AHCI), a new programming interface for SATA host controllers developed thru a joint industry effort.

NOTE

What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA2 HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called "Hot Plug" for the action to insert and remove the SATA2 HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition. However, please note that it cannot perform Hot Plug if the OS has been installed into the SATA2 HDD.

What is Hot Swap Function?

If SATA2 HDDs are built as RAID 1 then it is called "Hot Swap" for the action to insert and remove the SATA2 HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

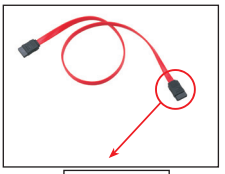
2.10 SATA2 HDD Hot Plug Feature and Operation Guide

This motherboard supports Hot Plug feature for SATA2 HDD in RAID / AHCI mode. Please read below operation guide of Hot Plug feature carefully. Before you process the SATA2 HDD Hot Plug, please check below cable accessories from the motherboard gift box pack.

A. 7-pin SATA data cable

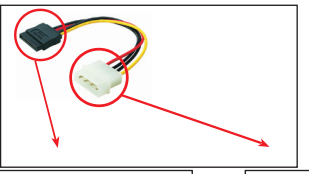
B. SATA power cable with SATA 15-pin power connector interface

A. SATA data cable (Red)



SATA 7-pin connector

B. SATA power cable



The SATA 15-pin power connector (Black) connect to SATA2 HDD

1x4-pin conventional power connector (White) connect to power supply

Caution

1. Without SATA 15-pin power connector interface, the SATA2 Hot Plug cannot be processed.
2. Even some SATA2 HDDs provide both SATA 15-pin power connector and IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interfaces, the IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interface is definitely not able to support Hot Plug and will cause the HDD damage and data loss.

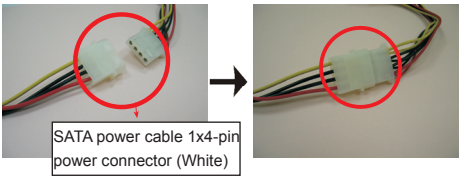
Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:

1. Below operation procedure is designed only for our motherboard, which supports SATA2 HDD Hot Plug.
   * The SATA2 Hot Plug feature might not be supported by the chipset because of its limitation, the SATA2 Hot Plug support information of our motherboard is indicated in the product spec on our website: www.asrock.com
2. Make sure your SATA2 HDD can support Hot Plug function from your dealer or HDD user manual. The SATA2 HDD, which cannot support Hot Plug function, will be damaged under the Hot Plug operation.
3. Please make sure the SATA2 driver is installed into system properly. The latest SATA2 driver is available on our support website: www.asrock.com
4. Make sure to use the SATA power cable & data cable, which are from our motherboard package.
5. Please follow below instructions step by step to reduce the risk of HDD crash or data loss.

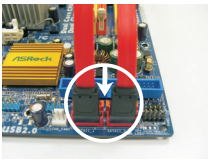
How to Hot Plug a SATA2 HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Plug, improper procedure will cause the SATA2 HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Please connect SATA power cable 1x4-pin end (White) to the power supply 1x4-pin cable.



Step *2* Connect SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATA2 connector.



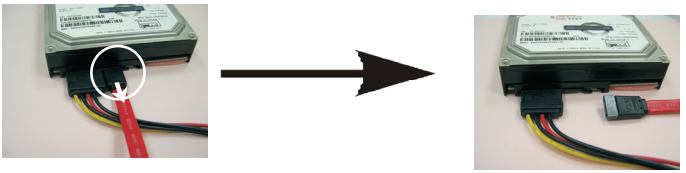
Step *3* Connect SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) end to SATA2 HDD.

Step *4* Connect SATA data cable to the SATA2 HDD.

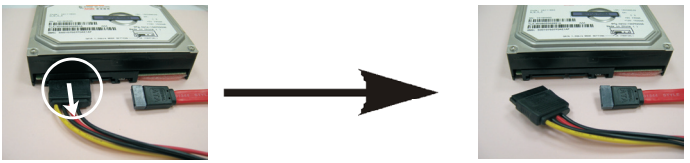
How to Hot Unplug a SATA2 HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Unplug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Unplug, improper procedure will cause the SATA2 HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Unplug SATA data cable from SATA2 HDD side.



Step *2* Unplug SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) from SATA2 HDD side.



2.11 Driver Installation Guide

To install the drivers to your system, please insert the support CD to your optical drive first. Then, the drivers compatible to your system can be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please follow the order from up to bottom side to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

2.12 Installing Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit on a RAID disk composed of 2 or more SATA / SATA2 HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.

2.12.1 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit on a RAID disk composed of 2 or more SATA / SATA2 HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below steps.

STEP 1: Set up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

B. Set the “SATA Operation Mode” option to [RAID].

STEP 2: Make a SATA / SATA2 Driver Diskette.

A. Insert the ASRock Support CD into your optical drive to boot your system.

B. During POST at the beginning of system boot-up, press <F11> key, and then a window for boot devices selection appears. Please select CD-ROM as the boot device.

C. When you see the message on the screen, “Generate Serial ATA driver diskette [YN]?”, press <Y>.

D. Then you will see these messages,

Please insert a diskette into the floppy drive.
WARNING! Formatting the floppy diskette will lose ALL data in it!
Start to format and copy files [YN]?
Please insert a floppy diskette into the floppy drive, and press any key.

E. The system will start to format the floppy diskette and copy SATA / SATA2 drivers into the floppy diskette.

STEP 3: Use "RAID Installation Guide" to set RAID configuration.

Before you start to configure RAID function, you need to check the RAID installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the BIOS RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:

.. \ RAID Installation Guide

STEP 4: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

After step 1, 2, 3, you can start to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system. At the beginning of Windows® setup, press F6 to install a third-party RAID driver. When prompted, insert the SSATA / SATA2 driver diskette containing the AMD RAID driver. After reading the floppy disk, the driver will be presented. Select the driver to install according to the OS you install.

2.12.2 Installing Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit on a RAID disk composed of 2 or more SATA / SATA2 HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below steps.

STEP 1: Set up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.
B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [RAID].

STEP 2: Use "RAID Installation Guide" to set RAID configuration.

Before you start to configure RAID function, you need to check the RAID installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the BIOS RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:

.. \ RAID Installation Guide

STEP 3: Install Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

2.13 Installing Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit OS on your SATA / SATA2 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.

2.13.1 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit on your SATA / SATA2 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

Using SATA / SATA2 HDDs with NCQ and Hot Plug functions (AHCI mode)

STEP 1: Set up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [AHCI].

STEP 2: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

You can start to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system. At the beginning of Windows® setup, press F6 to install a third-party AHCI driver. When prompted, insert the SATA / SATA2 driver diskette containing the AMD AHCI driver. After reading the floppy disk, the driver will be presented. Select the driver to install according to the OS you install.

Using SATA / SATA2 HDDs without NCQ and Hot Plug functions (IDE mode)

STEP 1: Set up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [IDE].

STEP 2: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

2.13.2 Installing Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA / SATA2 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

Using SATA / SATA2 HDDs with NCQ and Hot Plug functions (AHCI mode)

STEP 1: Set up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [AHCI].

STEP 2: Install Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Using SATA / SATA2 HDDs without NCQ and Hot Plug functions (IDE mode)

STEP 1: Set up BIOS.

A. Enter BIOS SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Operation Mode" option to [IDE].

STEP 2: Install Windows® 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

2.14 Untied Overclocking Technology

This motherboard supports Untied Overclocking Technology, which means during overclocking, FSB enjoys better margin due to fixed PCI / PCIE buses. Before you enable Untied Overclocking function, please enter "Overclock Mode" option of BIOS setup to set the selection from [Auto] to [Manual]. Therefore, CPU FSB is untied during overclocking, but PCI / PCIE buses are in the fixed mode so that FSB can operate under a more stable overclocking environment.

Please refer to the warning on page 8 for the possible overclocking risk before you apply Untied Overclocking Technology.

3. BIOS SETUP UTILITY

3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the BIOS SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The SPI Memory on the motherboard stores the BIOS SETUP UTILITY. You may run the BIOS SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> or <Del> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.

Because the BIOS software is constantly being updated, the following BIOS setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

3.1.1 BIOS Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

Main	To set up the system time/date information
OC Tweaker	To set up overclocking features
Advanced	To set up the advanced BIOS features
H/W Monitor	To display current hardware status
Boot	To set up the default system device to locate and load the Operating System
Security	To set up the security features
Exit	To exit the current screen or the BIOS SETUP UTILITY

Use < ← > key or < → > key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen.

3.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
← / →	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens
↑ / ↓	Moves cursor up or down to select items
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F9>	To load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	To save changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY
<ESC>	To jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

3.2 Main Screen

When you enter the BIOS SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview.

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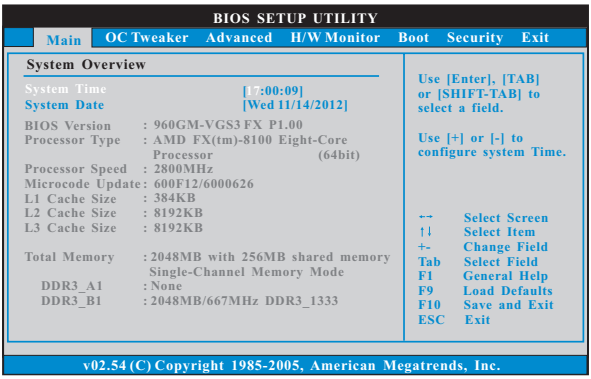

System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

Use this item to specify the system time.

System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

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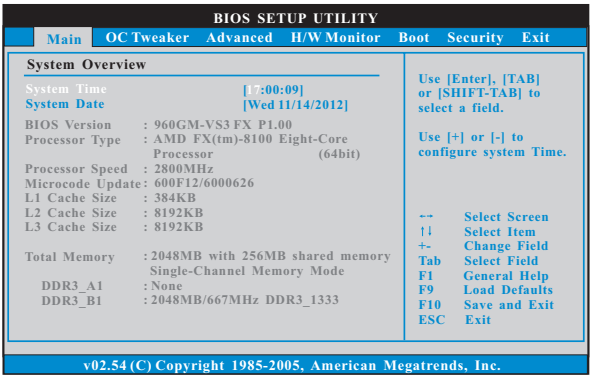


System Time [Hour:Minute:Second]

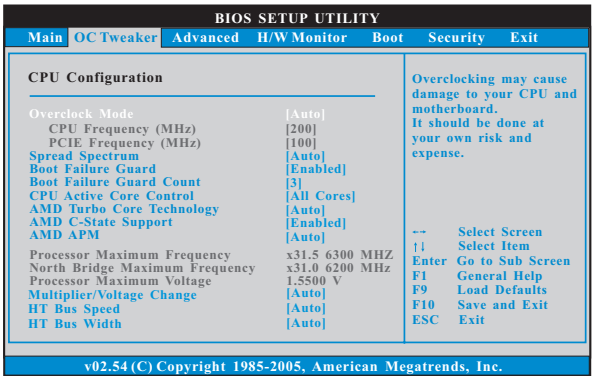
Use this item to specify the system time.

System Date [Day Month/Date/Year]

Use this item to specify the system date.

3.3 OC Tweaker Screen

In the OC Tweaker screen, you can set up overclocking features.



CPU Configuration

Overclock Mode

Use this to select Overclock Mode. Configuration options: [Auto] and [Manual]. The default value is [Auto].

CPU Frequency (MHz)

Use this option to adjust CPU frequency.

PCIE Frequency (MHz)

Use this option to adjust PCIE frequency.

Spread Spectrum

This item should always be [Auto] for better system stability.

Boot Failure Guard

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

Boot Failure Guard Count

Use this item to configure Boot Failure Guard Count.

CPU Active Core Control

This allows you to adjust CPU Active Core Control feature. The configuration options depend on the CPU core you adopt. The default value is [All Cores].

AMD Turbo Core Technology

This item appears only when the processor you adopt supports this feature. Use this to select enable or disable AMD Turbo Core Technology. Configuration options: [Auto] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Auto].

AMD C-State Support

This allows you to enable or disable AMD C-State Support. The default value is [Enabled].

Processor Maximum Frequency

It will display Processor Maximum Frequency for reference.

North Bridge Maximum Frequency

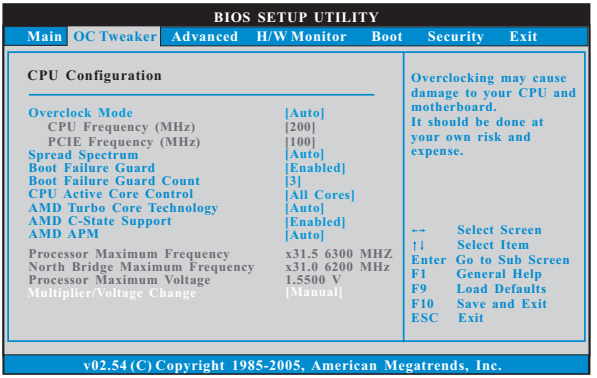
It will display North Bridge Maximum Frequency for reference.

Processor Maximum Voltage

It will display Processor Maximum Voltage for reference.

Multiplier/Voltage Change

This item is set to [Auto] by default. If it is set to [Manual], you may adjust the value of Processor Frequency and Processor Voltage. However, it is recommended to keep the default value for system stability.



CPU Frequency Multiplier

For safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

CPU Voltage

It allows you to adjust the value of CPU voltage. However, for safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

NB Frequency Multiplier

For safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

CPU NB Voltage

It allows you to adjust the value of CPU NB voltage. However, for safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

HT Bus Speed

This feature allows you selecting Hyper-Transport bus speed. The default value is [Auto].

HT Bus Width

This feature allows you selecting Hyper-Transport bus width. The default value is [Auto].

Memory Configuration

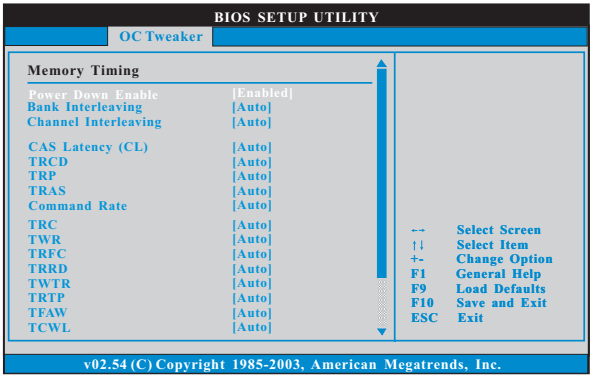
Memory Clock

This item can be set by the code using [Auto]. You can set one of the standard values as listed: [400MHz DDR3_800], [533MHz DDR3_1066], [667MHz DDR3_1333] and [800MHz DDR3_1600].

DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assigns appropriate frequency automatically.

Memory Timing



Power Down Enable

Use this item to enable or disable DDR power down mode.

Bank Interleaving

Interleaving allows memory accesses to be spread out over banks on the same node, or accross nodes, decreasing access contention.

Channel Interleaving

It allows you to enable Channel Memory Interleaving. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Auto]. The default value is [Auto].

CAS Latency (CL)

Use this item to change CAS Latency (CL) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

TRCD

Use this item to change TRCD Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

TRP

Use this item to change TRP Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

TRAS

Use this item to change TRAS Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Command Rate

Use this item to change Command Rate Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

TRC

Use this item to change TRC Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

TWR

Use this item to change TWR Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

TRFC

Use this item to change TRFC Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

TRRD

Use this item to change TRRD Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

TWTR

Use this item to change TWTR Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

TRTP

Use this item to change TRTP Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

TFAW

Use this item to change TFAW Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

TCWL

Use this item to change TCWL Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Chipset Settings

Onboard GPU Clock Override

This allows you to enable or disable the Onboard GPU Clock Override feature.

Onboard GPU Clock

This option only appears when you enable “Onboard GPU ClockOverride”. The default value is [500].

mGPU Voltage

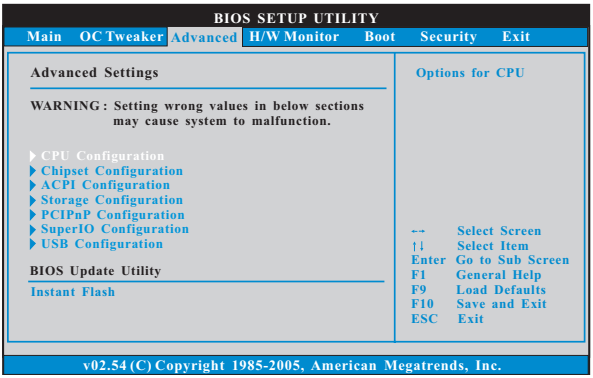
Use this to select mGPU voltage. The default value is [Auto].

Would you like to save current setting user defaults?

In this option, you are allowed to load and save three user defaults according to your own requirements.

3.4 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Chipset Configuration, ACPI Configuration, Storage Configuration, PCIPnP Configuration, Super IO Configuration and USB Configuration.

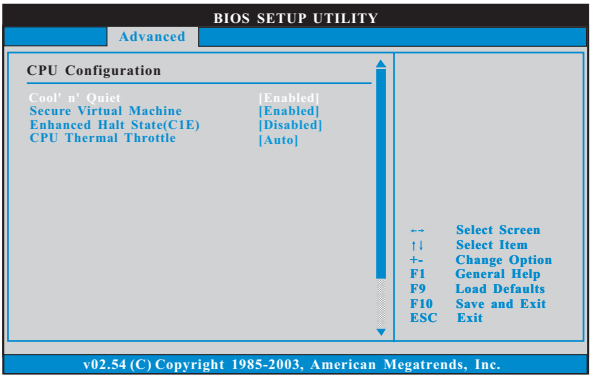


Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

Instant Flash

Instant Flash is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient BIOS update tool allows you to update system BIOS without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. Just launch this tool and save the new BIOS file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive, then you can update your BIOS only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system. If you execute Instant Flash utility, the utility will show the BIOS files and their respective information. Select the proper UEFI file to update your BIOS, and reboot your system after BIOS update process completes.

3.4.1 CPU Configuration



Cool 'n' Quiet

Use this item to enable or disable AMD's Cool 'n' Quiet™ technology. The default value is [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you install Windows® 8 / 7 / Vista™ and want to enable this function, please set this item to [Enabled]. Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and memory frequency, and lead to system stability or compatibility issue with some memory modules or power supplies. Please set this item to [Disable] if above issue occurs.

Secure Virtual Machine

When this option is set to [Enabled], a VMM (Virtual Machine Architecture) can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by AMD-V. The default value is [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled].

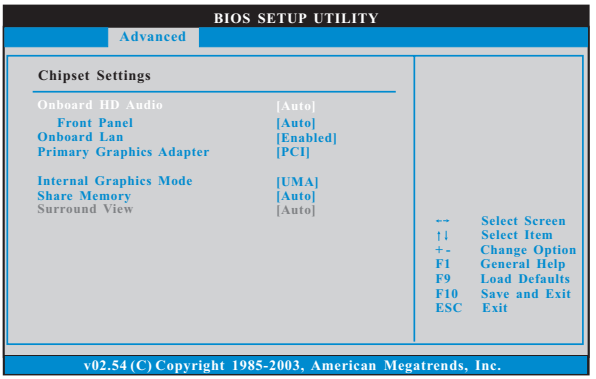
Enhance Halt State (C1E)

All processors support the Halt State (C1). The C1 state is supported through the native processor instructions HLT and MWAIT and requires no hardware support from the chipset. In the C1 power state, the processor maintains the context of the system caches.

CPU Thermal Throttle

Use this item to enable CPU internal thermal control mechanism to keep the CPU from overheated. The default value is [Auto].

3.4.2 Chipset Configuration



Onboard HD Audio

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard HD Audio will be disabled when PCI Sound Card is plugged.

Front Panel

Select [Auto] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio Front Panel.

Onboard Lan

This allows you to enable or disable the onboard Lan feature.

Primary Graphics Adapter

This item will switch the PCI Bus scanning order while searching for video card. It allows you to select the type of Primary VGA in case of multiple video controllers. The default value of this feature is [PCI]. Configuration options: [Onboard], [PCI] and [PCI Express].

Internal Graphics Mode

This allows you to adjust internal graphics mode. The default value is [UMA]. Configuration options: [UMA] and [Disabled].

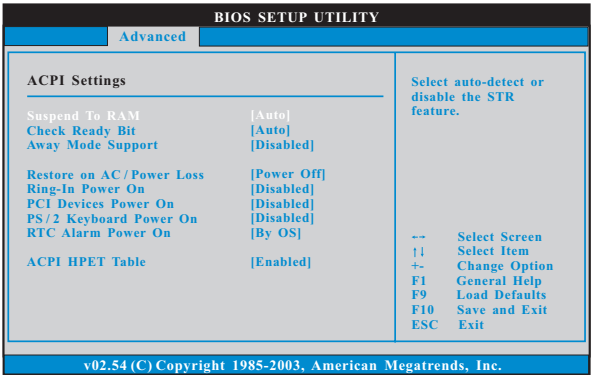
Share Memory

This allows you to set share memory feature. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [32MB], [64MB], [128MB], [256MB] and [512MB]. This option only appears when you set “Internal Graphics Mode” to [UMA].

Surround View

This allows you to enable or disable the Surround View feature.

3.4.3 ACPI Configuration


BIOS SETUP UTILITY
Advanced
ACPI Settings
Suspend To RAM [Auto]
Check Ready Bit [Auto]
Away Mode Support [Disabled]
Restore on AC/Power Loss [Power Off]
Ring-In Power On [Disabled]
PCI Devices Power On [Disabled]
PS/2 Keyboard Power On [Disabled]
RTC Alarm Power On [By OS]
ACPI HPET Table [Enabled]
Select auto-detect or disable the STR feature.
←→ Select Screen
↑↓ Select Item
+- Change Option
F1 General Help
F9 Load Defaults
F10 Save and Exit
ESC Exit
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Suspend to RAM

Use this item to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the OS supports it.

Check Ready Bit

Use this item to enable or disable the feature Check Ready Bit.

Away Mode Support

Use this item to enable or disable Away Mode support under Windows® XP Media Center OS. The default value is [Disabled].

Restore on AC/Power Loss

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

Ring-In Power On

Use this item to enable or disable Ring-In signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PCI Devices Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

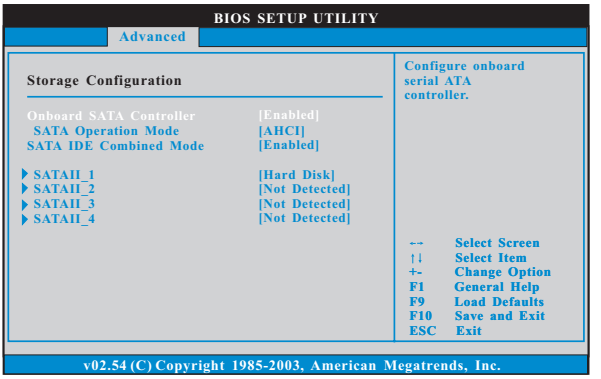
RTC Alarm Power On

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

ACPI HPET table

Use this item to enable or disable ACPI HPET Table. The default value is [Enabled]. Please set this option to [Enabled] if you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® certification.

3.4.4 Storage Configuration



Onboard SATA Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the "Onboard SATA Controller" feature.

SATA Operation Mode

Use this item to adjust Onboard SATA Operation Mode. The default value of this option is [AHCI]. Configuration options: [AHCI], [IDE] and [RAID].

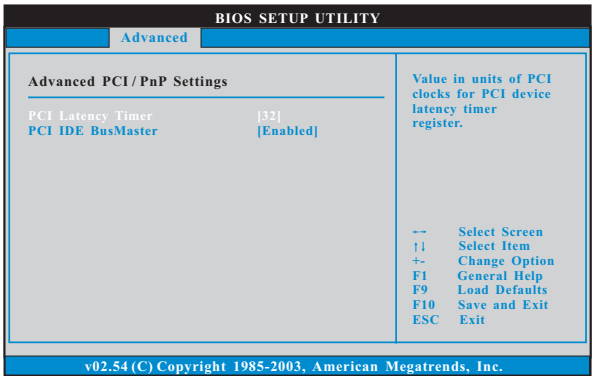
If you set this item to RAID mode, it is suggested to install SATA ODD driver on SATAII_3 (PORT 5) and SATAII_4 (PORT 6) ports.

SATA IDE Combined Mode

This item is for SATAII_3 (PORT 5) and SATAII_4 (PORT 6) ports. Use this item to enable or disable SATA IDE combined mode. The default value is [Enabled].

If you want to build RAID on SATAII_3 (PORT 5) and SATAII_4 (PORT 6) ports, please disable this item.

3.4.5 PCIPnP Configuration


BIOS SETUP UTILITY
Advanced
Advanced PCI / PnP Settings
PCI Latency Timer [32]
PCI IDE BusMaster [Enabled]
Value in units of PCI clocks for PCI device latency timer register.
←→ Select Screen
↑↓ Select Item
+- Change Option
F1 General Help
F9 Load Defaults
F10 Save and Exit
ESC Exit
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Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

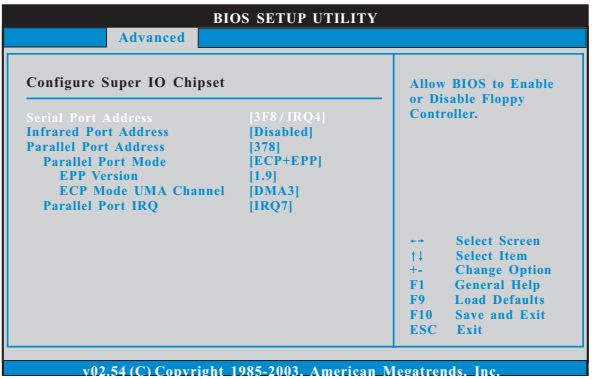
PCI Latency Timer

The default value is 32. It is recommended to keep the default value unless the installed PCI expansion cards?specifications require other settings.

PCI IDE BusMaster

Use this item to enable or disable the PCI IDE BusMaster feature.

3.4.6 Super IO Configuration



Serial Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port. Configuration options: [3F8 / IRQ4] and [3E8 / IRQ4].

Infrared Port

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard infrared port.

Infrared Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard infrared port.Configuration options: [2F8 / IRQ3] and [2E8 / IRQ3].

Parallel Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard parallel port. Configuration options: [378] and [278].

Parallel Port Mode

Use this item to set the operation mode of the parallel port. The default value is [ECP+EPP]. If this option is set to [ECP+EPP], it will show the EPP version in the following item, “EPP Version”. Configuration options: [Normal], [Bi-Directional] and [ECP+EPP].

EPP Version

Use this item to set the EPP version. Configuration options: [1.9] and [1.7].

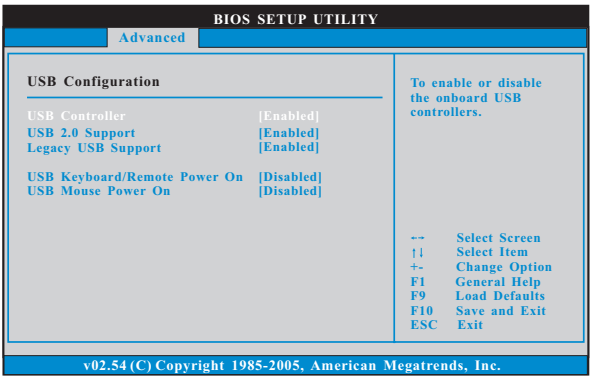
ECP Mode DMA Channel

Use this item to set the ECP mode DMA channel. Configuration options: [DMA0], [DMA1] and [DMA3].

Parallel Port IRQ

Use this item to set the IRQ for the parallel port. Configuration options: [IRQ5] and [IRQ7].

3.4.7 USB Configuration



USB Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB controller.

USB 2.0 Support

Use this option to enable or disable support for USB 2.0 devices. The default value is [Enabled].

Legacy USB Support

Use this option to select legacy support for USB devices. There are four confi guration options: [Enabled], [Auto], [Disabled] and [BIOS Setup Only]. The default value is [Enabled]. Please refer to below descriptions for the details of these four options:

[Enabled] - Enables support for legacy USB.

[Auto] - Enables legacy support if USB devices are connected.

[Disabled] - USB devices are not allowed to use under legacy OS and BIOS setup when [Disabled] is selected. If you have USB compatibility issue, it is recommended to select [Disabled] to enter OS.

[BIOS Setup Only] - USB devices are allowed to use only under BIOS setup and Windows / Linux OS.

USB Keyboard/Remote Power On

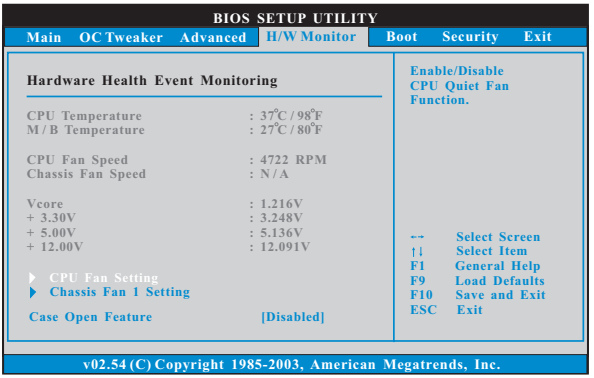
Use this item to enable or disable the system to wake from S5 using USB Keyboard/Remote.

USB Mouse Power On

Use this item to enable or disable the system to wake from S5 using USB Mouse.

3.5 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.


BIOS SETUP UTILITY
Main OC Tweaker Advanced H/W Monitor Boot Security Exit
Hardware Health Event Monitoring
CPU Temperature : 37°C / 98°F
M/B Temperature : 27°C / 80°F
CPU Fan Speed : 4722 RPM
Chassis Fan Speed : N/A
Vcore : 1.216V
+ 3.30V : 3.248V
+ 5.00V : 5.136V
+ 12.00V : 12.091V
CPU Fan Setting
Chassis Fan 1 Setting
Case Open Feature [Disabled]
Enable/Disable CPU Quiet Fan Function.
↔ Select Screen
↑↓ Select Item
F1 General Help
F9 Load Defaults
F10 Save and Exit
ESC Exit
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CPU Fan Setting

This allows you to set the CPU fan speed. Confi guration options: [Full On] and [Automatic Mode]. The default is value [Full On].

Chassis Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set the chassis fan 1 speed. Confi guration options: [Full On], [Manual Mode] and [Automatic Mode]. The default is value [Full On].

Case Open Feature

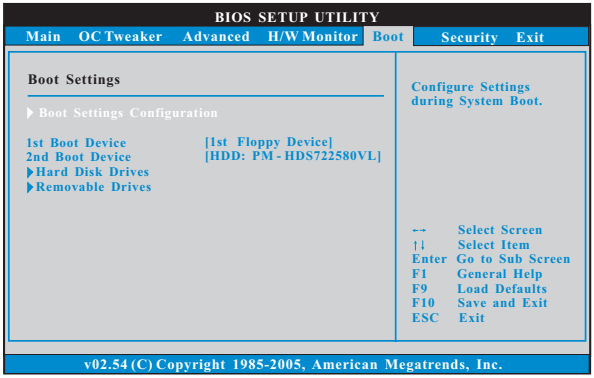
This allows you to enable or disable case open detection feature. The default is value [Disabled].

Clear Status

This option appears only when the case open has been detected. Use this option to keep or clear the record of previous chassis intrusion status.

3.6 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.


BIOS SETUP UTILITY
Main OC Tweaker Advanced H/W Monitor Boot Security Exit
Boot Settings
Boot Settings Configuration
1st Boot Device [1st Floppy Device]
2nd Boot Device [HDD: PM - HDS722580VL]
Hard Disk Drives
Removable Drives
Configure Settings during System Boot.
↔ Select Screen
↑↓ Select Item
Enter Go to Sub Screen
F1 General Help
F9 Load Defaults
F10 Save and Exit
ESC Exit
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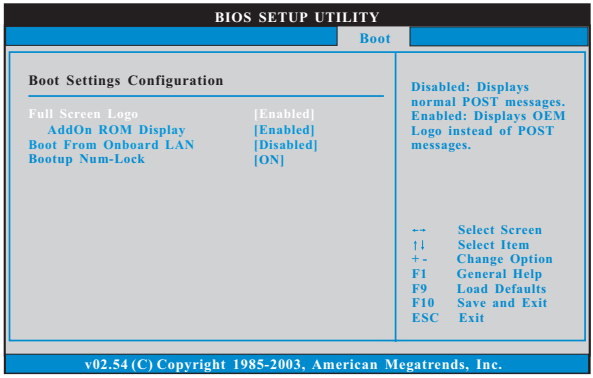
3.6.1 Boot Settings Configuration


BIOS SETUP UTILITY
Boot
Boot Settings Configuration
Full Screen Logo [Enabled]
AddOn ROM Display [Enabled]
Boot From Onboard LAN [Disabled]
Bootup Num-Lock [ON]
Disabled: Displays normal POST messages. Enabled: Displays OEM Logo instead of POST messages.
↔ Select Screen
↑↓ Select Item
+- Change Option
F1 General Help
F9 Load Defaults
F10 Save and Exit
ESC Exit
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Full Screen Logo

Use this item to enable or disable OEM Logo. The default value is [Enabled].

AddOn ROM Display

Use this option to adjust AddOn ROM Display. If you enable the option “Full Screen Logo” but you want to see the AddOn ROM information when the system boots, please select [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Enabled].

Boot From Onboard LAN

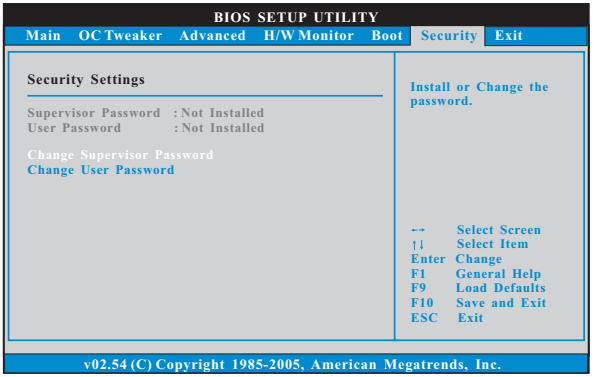
Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

Bootup Num-Lock

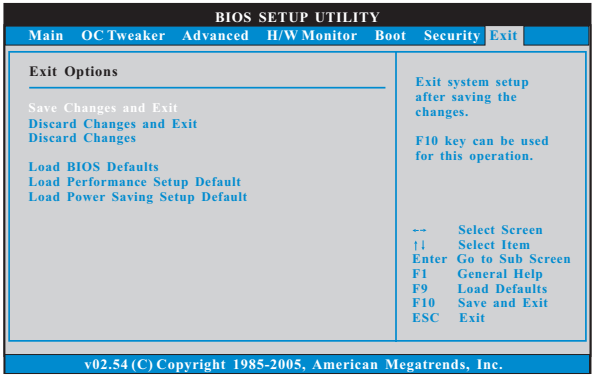
If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

3.7 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.



3.8 Exit Screen


BIOS SETUP UTILITY
Main OC Tweaker Advanced H/W Monitor Boot Security Exit
Exit Options
Save Changes and Exit
Discard Changes and Exit
Discard Changes
Load BIOS Defaults
Load Performance Setup Default
Load Power Saving Setup Default
Exit system setup after saving the changes.
F10 key can be used for this operation.
-- Select Screen
↑↓ Select Item
Enter Go to Sub Screen
F1 General Help
F9 Load Defaults
F10 Save and Exit
ESC Exit
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Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Save configuration changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to save the changes and exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY.

Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes and exit setup?" Select [OK] to exit the BIOS SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

Discard Changes

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, "Discard changes?" Select [OK] to discard all changes.

Load BIOS Defaults

Load BIOS default values for all the setup questions. F9 key can be used for this operation.

Load Performance Setup Default

This performance setup default may not be compatible with all system configurations. If system boot failure occurs after loading, please resume optimal default settings. F5 key can be used for this operation.

Load Power Saving Setup Default

Load power saving setup default. F6 key can be used for this operation.

4. Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP Media Center / XP 64-bit. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

4.2 Support CD Information

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard features.

4.2.1 Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if “AUTORUN” is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu did not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file “ASSETUP.EXE” from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menus.

4.2.2 Drivers Menu

The Drivers Menu shows the available devices drivers if the system detects the installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

4.2.3 Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the applications software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

4.2.4 Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to visit ASRock’s website at http://www.asrock.com; or you may contact your dealer for further information.